



REMARKS

The Examiner advised that Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single disclosed inventions for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. According to the Examiner, two groups of claims covered two separate inventions. The two groups of claims were claims 33-37 and 47-49 drawn to a stent, and claims 50-52 drawn to a method of inducing spiral flow of blood. Applicant hereby withdraws claims 50-52 from consideration in response to the restriction requirement from the Examiner. Applicant hereby elects the group consisting of claims 33-37 and 47-49 for prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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